



Flathead National Forest

Swan Lake Ranger District
Bigfork, Montana
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Estes Lake Trail #96

Distance: This trail is 1.5 miles long from the trailhead to Estes Lake.

Difficulty: Moderate

Beginning Elevation: 3,700 ft

USGS Quad: Bigfork

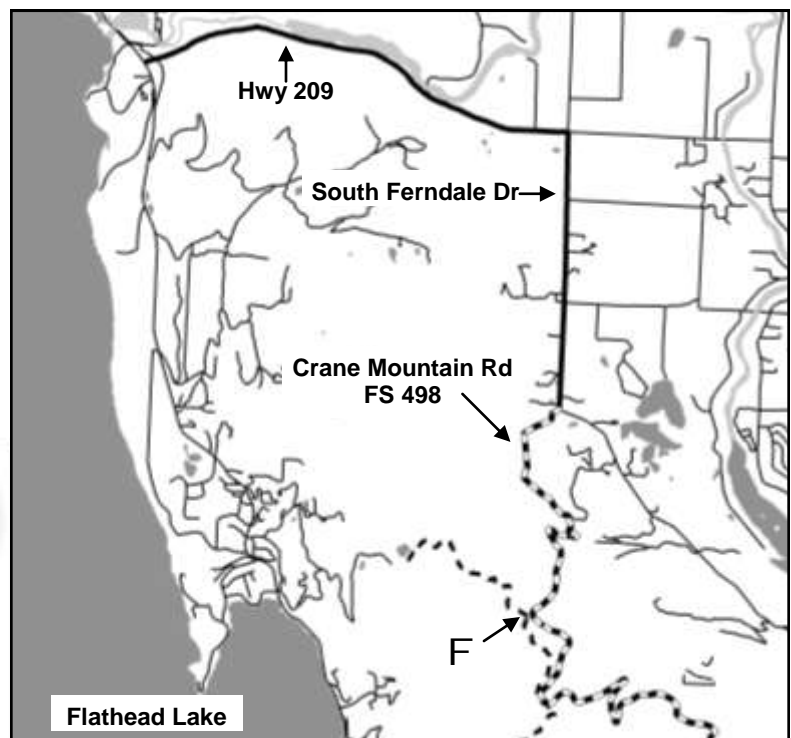
Ending Elevation: 3,540 ft

Directions: From Bigfork, go south on Highway 35 for 0.7 miles, turning left onto Hwy 209. Stay on 209 for 3 miles, turning right at the light onto South Ferndale Rd. After 2 miles, merge right onto Crane Mountain Road #498. The trailhead for Estes Lake is 2.2 miles up Road # 498 off of a spur.

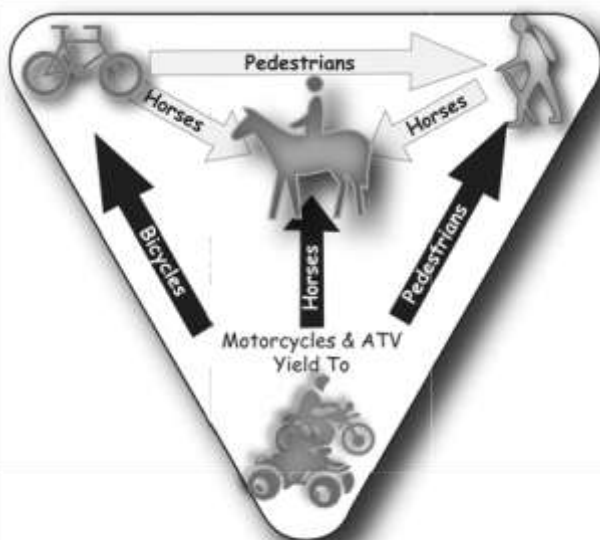
Season: This trail is normally free of snow by April.

Regulations: This trail is open to hiking, horse riding, mountain biking, motorcycles, and 3 or 4 wheeled ATV's. Highway vehicles are prohibited on this trail.

Trail Description: The trail starts out climbing slightly, goes over a knoll, and then descends, winding through the topography and between small wetlands; there is a small cedar grove near the lake. Estes Lake is a tannic lake bordered by lily pads and scattered with blue dragon flies (depending on the time of year). Please note that there are number of different uses allowed on this trail. Please yield accordingly.

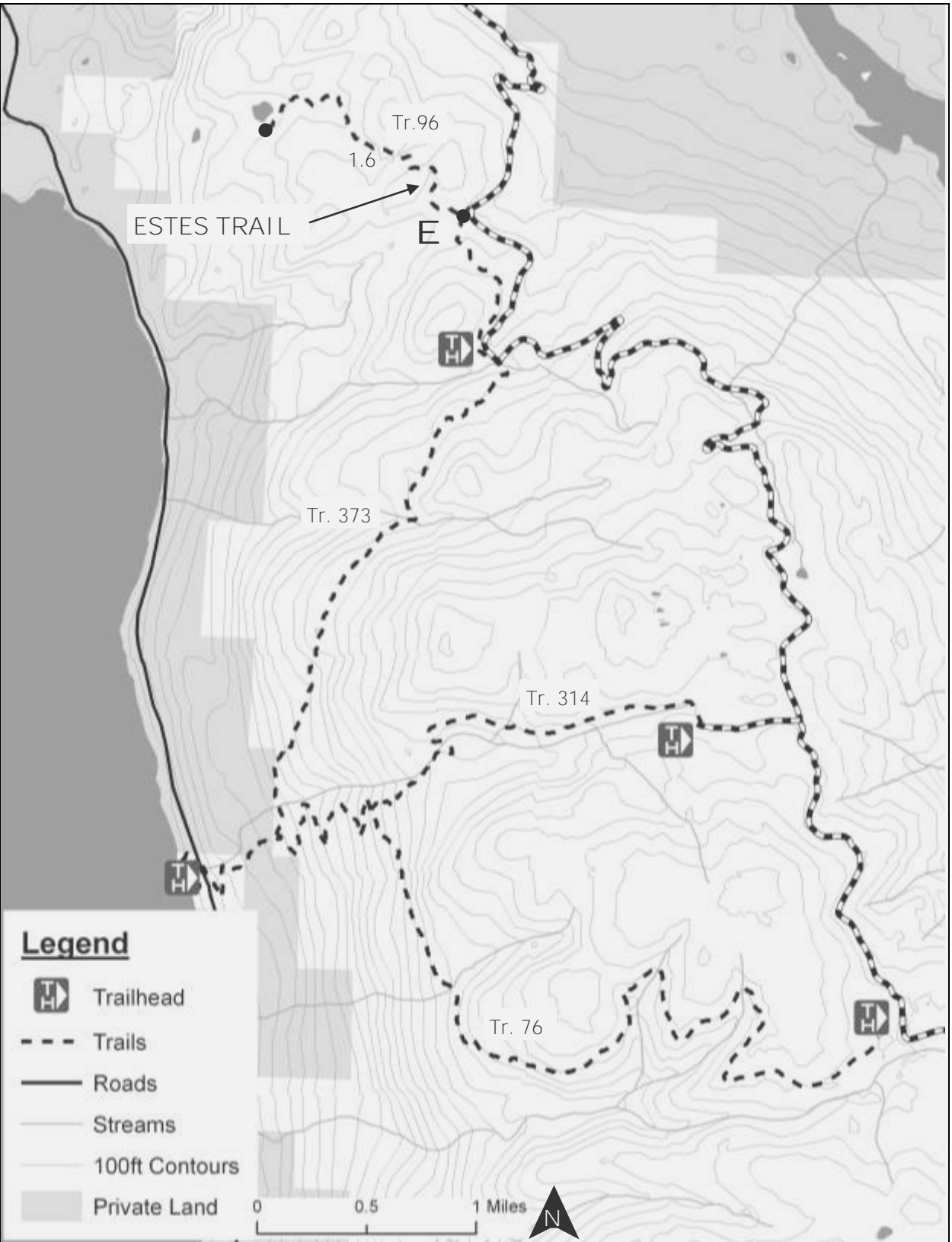


Note: Many roads are not displayed.



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